

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Serial No.: Not yet assigned) Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned
Filed: October 1, 2001) Examiner: Not yet assigned
For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A)
SILICA-REINFORCED RUBBER)
COMPOUND)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend this
application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Add two section headings, a section subheading, and a paragraph immediately after the
title PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A SILICA-REINFORCED RUBBER COMPOUND, as
follows: